[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

in 1097, and, in that year, there were only junior classes in the subjects taught in that school. This year, we have opened senior classes, and for teaching these classes, it is found that one more teacher is necessary. Then again, last year, the teachers could find time and attend to the clerical and account work of the school, as they had to teach only the junior classes. This year, they have to teach both sets of classes and they do not find time to attend to the clerical and account work of the school. So a clerk also is required for the school.

PRESIDENT: I find that there is no motion for reducing this grant. May I take it that the House sanctions the grant? The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 500 be sanctioned as a supplementary grant under Demand XVI—Industries.

The motion was carried and the grant made.

Demand XXIII—Anchal Department.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 500 for meeting the pay of one clerk on Rs. 25-2-35 and another on Rs. 20 per mensem sanctioned for the Anchal Superintendent's office in connection with the opening of savings bank work in 25 new Anchal offices. Another item of supplementary grant for which also I have to move is for a sum of Rs. 1,000 to provide a lump allotment for the opening of new non-departmental Anchal offices during the current year. I would submit, for the information of the House, that, at the end of 1097, there were 46 Anchal offices doing savings bank work and that four clerks in the office of the Anchal Superintendent were employed for checking the above work in these various offices. The accounts were scrutinised in the Anchal Superintendent's office, detailed ledgers were kept, and the transactions in respect of each deposit were duly entered in them. 25 new Anchal offices have now been directed to do savings bank work and the rate of interest has also been slightly increased from 4 cash per Rs. 3 to 5 cash per Rs. 3. To cope with the additional work in the head office, which the savings bank work in these 25 offices will involve, two more clerks have to be appointed in the Anchal Superintendent's office, as I said, one on Rs. 25 in the scale of Rs. 25-2-35 and another on Rs. 20. It is for this purpose that a sum of Rs. 500 is now asked for.

The other item is a lump allotment of Rs. 1,000 for opening new non-departmental Anchal offices. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget, and ordinarily no budget provision is made for the purpose. As each application for opening a non-departmental office comes up, the necessary scrutiny is made by the department, guarantee against loss is secured from the local inhabitants, and the office opened. The cost usually varies from Rs. 84 to Rs. 300 per annum, the average cost being Rs. 150, so that, if a lump allotment of Rs. 1,000 is made, it will be possible for the Anchal Superintendent to open six or seven offices during the current year, according as requisitions for the same come up and according as the department is convinced of the need for complying with such requisitions.

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PRESIDENT: There is no motion for the reduction of these two grants. I take it that the House sanctions the two grants. The question is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,500 be made under Demand XXIII—Anchal Department.

The motion was carried and the grant made.

Demand XXIV—Miscellaneous Items.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,400 under Demand XXIV—Miscellaneous Items. The amount is for the expenses of the committee constituted for the investigation of the Kallar Hydro-Electric Scheme and for the continuance of the establishment of the Travancore Soldiers' Committee to the end of 1098. In the case of the latter item what is asked for really is to supplement the grant already sanctioned by the Council. You will find from the budget that a small sum of Rs. 400 has already been provided for this purpose. A further sum of Rs. 400 is found necessary to continue the establishment till the close of the year 1098. Hence the demand is made.

As for the other item, the Council will remember that, at the last meeting, a resolution was brought forward for the appointment of a "committee of experts to investigate the possibility of Kallar water being made use of for irrigational and other purposes in Travancore and as to how the proposed diversion of Kallar water and the generation of power in the Madura District will affect the interests of Travancore".

The motion was put to the vote and negatived by a majority. In view, however, of the trend of the discussion at that meeting of the Council, Government resolved to appoint a mixed committee of officials and non-officials to re-examine the agricultural, irrigational, forest and industrial aspects of the scheme after making a joint inspection and submit a report to the Government not later than the 31st December, 1922. The amount now asked for is to cover the expenses in connection with the work of this committee.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Sir, I have sent up notice of a motion to reduce this grant by Rs. 10. My object in sending this motion was two-fold. The first object is to express, on behalf of the defeated minority on the Kallar Scheme, its warm appreciation of the sympathy that the Government have shown to its opinion in preference to the opinion of the majority. Although the resolution of my friend, Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai, was lost, you have, Sir, with true statesmanlike wisdom, paused to consider and carry into effect the wishes of a defeated but strong minority, and thereby established a precedent worthy of your responsible and high position for the conduct of future administration. Sir, we thank you for this.

My second object is to make a few observations on the committee, its constitution, the nature of its work, etc. First of all, I think that the time allotted to the committee is scarcely sufficient to turn out any satisfactory work. Will this committee be able to study within the space of 3 or 4 weeks the various aspects of the scheme? Will it be

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